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MEDIA ADVISORY: Media tour of Portneuf-West Bench Project area scheduled for March 6

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POCATELLO – Local officials from the Gateway Interagency Fire Front will be available March 6 for a brief, one-hour media tour of the Portneuf West Bench project area.

The tour for media outlets will begin at 10 a.m. on March 6, 2003, beginning at Pocatello Fire Department's Station 5 (5300 South Bannock Highway). GIFF officials will lead media representatives to Cinnamon Ridge, site of a successful 1993 fuels treatment, to give a demonstration of what is hoped for when the Portneuf West Bench Project is implemented.

GIFF officials have also planned an open house for March 8 at the Indian Hills Elementary School (next to Station 5) on March 8, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The aim of the tour is to help generate public interest in attending the open house. The public is encouraged to attend the open house to learn more about the project and offer comments.

If you are interested in attending the media tour, please RSVP to David Howell at the Bureau of Land Management, at 524-7559.